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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE ANNOUNCES THAT ASEAN GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE
GRUNK

1. SUMMARY: THE GOS ANNOUNCED APRIL 18 THAT THE FIVE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS HAD RECOGNIZED GRUNK. THE KHMER AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE HAS DECLARED HIS WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FOR GRUNK. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 18 THE GOS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIVE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS HAD RECOGNIZED GRUNK. THE JOINT ASEAN ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES (QUOTE) AGREED TO RECOGNIZE THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF KAMPUCHEA AS THE SOLE AND LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA (UNQUOTE). ASEAN COUNTRIES ALSO OFFERED TO QUOTE: EXTEND COOPERATION TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF HARDSHIP AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF CAMBODIA.

UNQUOTE.

2. MEANWHILE, STRAIT TIMES REPORTED THAT KHMER AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE DR. WONGSANITH ANNOUNCED HIS SUPPORT FOR GRUNK AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDERED THAT THE OFFICIAL DOOR PLAQUE AT HIS RESIDENCE BE

REPLACED WITH A PLAQUE READING "ROYAL EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA"
WHICH HAD BEEN STORED IN MOTHBALLS SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF SIHANOUK.
ACCORDING TO WONGSANITH (QUOTE): THE EMBASSY OF THE KHMER RE-
PUBLIC IN SINGAPORE CEASED TO REPRESENT THE LON NOL REGIME AS
FROM THE MORNING OF APRIL 17,1975 --WHEN PHNOM PENH SURRENDERED
TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMED FORCES OF KAMPUCHEA AND JOINED
IN THE VICTORY OF THE FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AND THE
WHOLE KHMER PEOPLE. WE HAVE CONVEYED OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS
AND OFFERED OUR FULL COOPERATION TO THE GRUNK BY CABLE ADDRESSED
TO SAMDACH NORODOM SIHANOUK UNQUOTE.

3. AMBASSADOR WONGSANITH STATED AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 18
THAT HE AND HIS STAFF QUOTE: WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE
NEW REGIME (UNQUOTE). HE NOTED THAT HE HAD NOT SERVED THE LON
NOL GOVERNMENT WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND THAT HE CONSIDERED SIHANOUK
TO BE HIS QUOTE: BENEFACTOR AND SAVIOR UNQUOTE. WONGSANITH EX-
PLAINED THAT SIHANOUK HAD PERFORMED A PERSONAL FAVOR ON HIS
BEHALF IN 1950.

4. WONGSANITH STATED THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN SINGAPORE AS A
QUOTE: GUEST OF THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE. PENDING DIRECT
INSTRUCTIONS FROM GRUNK ON HIS STATUS IN SINGAPORE.

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